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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 593
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Pat Boone for his twenty-five years of laudable service to the Bethel Bible Village.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those exemplary persons who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is celebrated singer and entertainer Pat Boone who, for the last twenty-five years, has graciously served as the Celebrity Host of the Pat Boone/Bethel Spectacular Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Pat Boone began his distinguished service with the Bethel Bible Village as the Celebrity Host of Bethel's Spectacular Golf Tournament in 1978, and since then has helped the Bethel Bible Village raise \$1,317,194.95; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1954 by Prison Evangelist Floyd Hipp and his wife, Helen, the Bethel Bible Village, which is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Service for Families and Children, is a Christ-centered residential care agency whose purpose is to provide

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professional programs, support services, and ministries to children and youth of families shattered by crime and troubled environments; and

WHEREAS, functioning under the motto, "Preventing Crime by Presenting Christ," the Bethel Bible Village has admirably served a total of 1,205 children and their families since its inception in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Pat Boone's generous endorsement and support of the Pat Boone/Bethel Spectacular has brought local and national attention to the Bethel Bible Village and its vital mission of helping at-risk children realize their potential; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and true friend to the children of Bethel Bible Village, Pat Boone's strong Christian testimony and stalwart character have had a positive and indelible impact on the residents and the ministry of the Bethel Bible Village; and

WHEREAS, with the continued assistance of master entertainer Pat Boone, this year's Pat Boone/Bethel Spectacular, which is planned for May 16-18, 2002, is sure to be a huge success; and

WHEREAS, Pat Boone's service to the Bethel Bible Village is immeasurable; for twenty-five years, he has selflessly used his celebrity for the betterment of the young people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to pay tribute to this remarkable man who has given so much to the children of the Bethel Bible Village and the citizens of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor renowned singer and entertainer Pat Boone, recognize his twenty-five years of steadfast service as the Celebrity Host of the Pat Boone/Bethel Spectacular Golf Tournament, commend his considerable contributions to the Bethel Bible Village, and impart our heartfelt gratitude for his altruistic efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes for every continued success with the annual Pat Boone/Bethel Spectacular Golf Tournament and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.